

**APPARATUS FOR A  
CONSUMER CONTROLLED SELECTIVE  
RECORDING DEVICE FOR INTERACTIVE TELEVISION**

5

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A system for receiving information and for recording at least a portion of the information is described. The system includes a processor (605) for receiving multiple types of information. The processor (605) includes an output port for selectively transmitting the information for recording, an input port for receiving user commands, and a presentation port for transmitting the information for presentation to a user. A presentation device is coupled to the presentation port of the processor for receiving the information and presenting the information to the user. A command unit, which includes a transmitter, is coupled to the input port of the processor for providing recording commands to the processor and also includes an input means for receiving the recording commands from the user. A storage device (645) receives the information to be recorded from the processor, wherein the recording commands indicate to the processor that at least one selected type of information has been selected for storage by the storage device, and wherein, upon reception of a recording command from the user, the command unit transmits the recording command to the processor, in response to which the at least one selected type of information is provided to the storage device, and wherein other non-selected types of information are not provided to the storage device for recording.